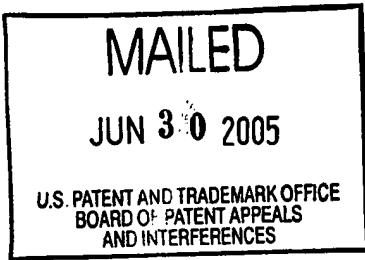


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte RICHARD L. ALFVIN and WILLIAM C. ARCHIE

Application 09/607,140

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on June 17, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

Upon review of the Examiner's Answer mailed on December 16, 2003, there is no indication that an appeal conference has been conducted. According to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) § 1208 (8th ed., August 2001), when an appeal conference has been held, the appeal conference participants must identify themselves as the conferees, along with placing their initials next to their name.


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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner for taking corrective action regarding the appeal conference, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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